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ODOT Representative Neal Rice, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Business Committeeman Hilton Melot And Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale Pose With New Sign

Signs announce boundaries

Recognizing the boundaries of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's former historic reservation and its current tribal jurisdiction is now much easier. The Oklahoma Department of

Transportation (ODOT) has installed green-with-white-lettering signs marking those boundaries.

The signs inform motorists
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CPN-Net debuts as newest service, area teachers given free access

By MICHAEL DODSON
CPN Director of Public Information

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has rolled out its newest service. CPN-Net is an Internet access service offered through the capabilities of the Nation's computer networking department.

For a small monthly fee, anyone with a computer and a modem can get all the Internet access he wants through CPN-Net. With a few notable exceptions, that fee is \$15 per month. There is a \$20 setup fee for all accounts, including those that are available at reduced charges to tribal members and teachers.

The service is available at a reduced rate of \$10 per month to Citizen Potawatomi tribal members. As an educational service and tool, CPN-Net is available at **no charge** to active kindergarten through senior high school teachers who work in the Shawnee, Tecumseh or Bethel, Oklahoma school districts.

For \$100, CPN-Net will provide on-site setup and testing of the Internet access for computers that have either Windows 95 or Windows 3.1 as a user interface.

CPN-Net accountholders receive one e-mail box and 5 MB of web space with their account. The e-mailbox address will be styled <account name>@CPN-Net.com.

CPN-Net Accountholders also receive: 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week TCP/IP dialup connection; Internet access

through a bank of 33.6K analog modems; access to UseNet newsgroups; and, the convenience and speed of a dedicated T1 line connection to the Internet.

"Offering this service makes sense because we have both the computer space and high-quality telephone line bandwidth available," said John A.

"Rocky" Barrett, Jr., Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman.

Anyone interested in signing up for Internet access through CPN-Net can do so by accessing its website at www.CPN-Net.com or by writing, calling, e-mailing, or faxing CPN-Net.

To help potential subscribers and users understand what is
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Governor visits tribal headquarters to observe intergovernmental project

By MICHAEL DODSON
CPN Director of Public Information

Gov. Frank Keating has come away from a tour of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal offices very impressed. The governor visited the Nation's headquarters to examine an example of cooperation between a tribal government and a municipal government.

Gov. Keating's visit was part of a day of activities that featured a gubernatorial cabinet meeting in Tecumseh, just two miles south of the Citizen Potawatomi offices. The entire cabinet and a contingent of Tecumseh officials joined Gov. Keating at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters.

Linda Capps, Potawatomi Nation Vice Chairman, briefed Keating on a project that has the Potawatomi Computer Network Telecommunications Department providing services to the Tecumseh city govern-



Vice Chairman Linda Capps Presents Gov. Keating With A Pendleton Blanket

ment. Capps also described the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's recent roll-out of an Internet provider service (IPS).

Keating and Dr. Floyd

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TRIBAL TRACTS

Walking on

Kathryn Margaret Spear

Kathryn Margaret Spear died Saturday, January 24, 1998, in Orange, California, following a week-long struggle with a heart ailment. Memorial services were held Thursday, January 29th, at 1 p.m. in Brown Colonial Chapel, 204 W. 17th St., Santa Ana. A private committal service was held Jan. 30 at Forest Lawn, Covina Hills.



Born Aug. 15, 1931, in Choctaw, Oklahoma, Kathy and her husband Bernard Alan Spear were co-owners of Hlear, Inc. which operated Preston Scientific, a well-known electronic instruments manufacturer located in the Anaheim, California, area. Mrs. Spear had been active in the company until her death.

In addition to her husband, Kathy is survived by a son, James (Kerry) Oliver; grandsons Michael and Brandon; her mother, Thelma Morris; sister, Jeannie (Thomas) Smith; twin brother, Kenneth Anderson; brother, Richard; sister-in-law, Bonnie (Brantly) Holt; several nieces and a nephew; a large extended family; and countless friends in Orange County and around the world.

Jodi Lee Lewis

Jodi Lee Lewis, age 26, of Richton Park, Illinois, died Thursday, March 26, 1998, at Hazel Crest Hospital. She was born October 7, 1971, in Chicago Heights, Illinois, to Dale and Barbara Lewis.

She graduated from Rich South High School in 1990 and Prairie State College in 1993 with a degree in child development. She worked as a teacher at the Learning Tree Daycare.

She was the great-great-granddaughter of Francis Lester Lewis and Letitia Rosella Hartman.

Jodi is survived by her parents Dale and Barbara Lewis; four sisters, Patricia (Jerry) Rusthoven of Texas, Debora Lewis of Illinois, Christine (Jerry) Lisle of Indiana, Dena Remer of Illinois; a brother, Dean (Mellisa) Lewis of Illinois; three nieces and 2 nephews; many aunts, uncles, and cousins throughout the country.

Patrick Tierney

Patrick "Racker" Tierney died Tuesday, April 7, 1998, in Pearson, Oklahoma, at the age of 73.

He was born February 12, 1925, in Trousdale to Patrick Sr. and Myrtie (Glass) Tierney. He was reared in southern Pottawatomie County and attended Adell and Progress Schools.

He served 20 years in the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and retired as a chief petty officer in 1965. He had received the Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal. He worked as a real estate agent in Forks, Washington and had lived in Pearson since 1977. He was a member of Shawnee VFW Post 1317, Tecumseh American Legion Hill-Huett Post 260 and a member of the Forks, Wash., Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents and numerous brothers and sisters. Surviving are two sons, Shane Tierney and Lon Tierney, both of Seattle, Wash.; stepdaughter Mary Ann Krueger, Pensacola, Fla.; sister Theresa Pat (Tierney) Day, Los Alamos, N.M., and two stepgrandchildren.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 10, 1998, at Cooper Funeral Chapel, Tecumseh. The burial was in the Arlington National Cemetery.

Mr. Tierney was the great-grandson of Amable Toupin and Margaret Mack Toupin and the grandson of Theresa Toupin Tierney Tarkington.

It's Your Newspaper!

The HowNiKan welcomes contributions from tribal members, especially stories of their accomplishments. Please send information and photographs to Mary Ferrell at tribal headquarters. Deadline is the 5th of the month.

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

The office of the Trust Funds Management on January 22, 1998 issued a list of tribal members with UNKNOWN WHEREABOUTS. These account holders need to notify the Tribal Rolls department of their addresses so that Trust Funds Management can contact them. The list is as follows:

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Audrey J. Alexander	Allen Ray Arnett	Jerry Dale Arnett
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Joetta Sue Bibb	Naomi B. Bixby	Nathan D. Blue
Jennifer Lynn Bruno	Shirley A. Alley	Kenneth Burnett
Carolyn Burnett	Norma J. Burnett	James Kyle Caton Jr.
John Christopher	Clara Clayton	William Cook Jr.
Kathleen Copeland	Sharon L. Copeland	Eugene E. Copeland
Edgar E. Copeland	Leroy E. Copeland	Davina Cromer
Gregory Daiker	Larry Denton	Dwight B. Drake
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Arthur Fletcher	William Fletcher	Ryan Frazier
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Frederick Hazelton	Sandra C. Hedlund	Agnes Herlong
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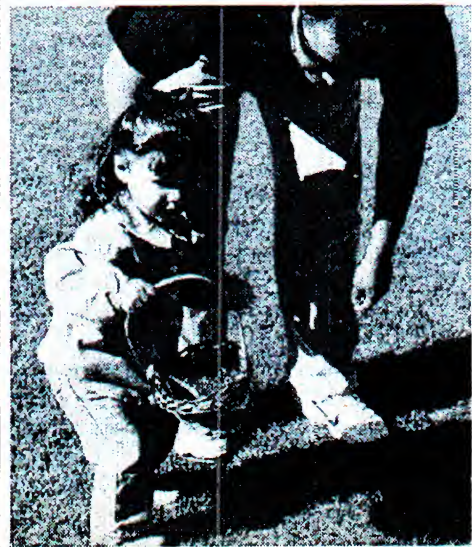
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TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 27, 1998. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 7, 1998. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set aside funds, as well as the election of tribal officials, will be on the ballot. Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.



Easter Fun

An Easter egg hunt generated tons of excitement and fun for Citizen Potawatomi Nation Day Care children, the children's parents, and the day care staff. (Clockwise, from upper left) Day Care Center Director Donnette Littlehead and the Easter Bunny, rumored to be Tommy Mitchell, distributed goodies. Parents hopped down what faintly resembled a bunny trail. Chris Levi, son of Employment and Training Director Carol Clay-Levi, harvested a crop, not of Easter eggs but of pecans. And, Tracey Haney, of the Firelodge Community Learning Center staff, got egg-hunting tips from his daughter, Taryn.



Summer Youth Employment Program begins soon

There is no need for Indian youth and young adults in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Payne, and Lincoln counties to wonder how they will spend Summer '98. Again this summer, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Employment and Training Program will sponsor a Summer Youth Employment Program.

"Native Americans who are 14 through 21 and are enrolled tribal members can apply for one of the jobs available through this program," said Teresa Vieux, program representative.

"These are minimum wage —\$5.15-an-hour— jobs. The participants will work 40 hours each week, for seven weeks," Vieux explained. "They will earn almost \$1450 during the program, enough to be of valuable assistance in paying education expenses."

Debbie Montgomery, a program spokeswoman said that participants will perform "office, clerical, maintenance, and similar types of work."

According to Montgomery, the program can often find work that matches a participant's skills and desires. "We invite employers who



Left: Jessica Lantagne Learns From BIA Programs Director Ed Herndon; Right: Robbie Primeaux Receives On-The-Job Training From Esther Lowden, Center, At The Museum Gift Shop



would like to hire one of these workers to contact us," she said. "We have found that this is an excellent way for many businesses to obtain labor to handle projects their permanent workers have not had time for."

Vieux said that the program has proved to be very adept at helping participants learn workplace techniques and ethics. "They learn the importance of being at work on time, providing a full day's effort,

and interacting appropriately with supervisors and co-workers."

"Of course," Montgomery added, "they learn and sharpen skills they will be able to use on other jobs in the future."

Some participants have proved to be so adept at their summer jobs that they have been hired on a permanent basis. Jessica Lantagne is an example. She worked in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Realty

Office in Shawnee in the summer of 1997. Now, she works for that office on a permanent, part-time basis.

"I learned responsibility, to be responsible for myself and my actions," Lantagne said. She believes her job has helped her develop skills that will be valuable when she begins her career. "I've learned how to interact with people, not to be afraid to talk to people."

Lantagne is attending Rose

State College in Midwest City. She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma this fall. She will be a Junior and will major in Sociology.

In her position with the BIA Realty Office, Lantagne closes probate cases, distributes land, handles farming and grazing leases, and distributes correspondence.

Vieux says that Lantagne's case is not unusual. "I've seen participants progress from a point of being very shy, with nothing to say to anyone, to being very outgoing — all in just seven weeks."

Participants also receive classroom training. This includes instruction in developing a resume, computer skills, and life skills, such as handling money wisely and using a checking account.

"May 22 is the deadline for applying for the program," Vieux pointed out. "Participants will begin work on June 8 and finish on July 24."

Anyone who wants to apply for a job through the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Summer Youth Employment Program or offer a job through the program can call Vieux at 405-275-5269.

Citizen Potawatomi host first annual Spring Feast

My fellow tribal members, brothers and sisters,

As you well know, Spring is here and all the thunders and the rains have made themselves known. Everything is bursting from the bud and the grayness of winter is giving way to new life. It causes each of us to experience a real hope for new beginnings, a new start.

We join others at Easter in celebration of the gift of new life and hope given to mankind through the Creator, the Lord of us all. For the majority of us, that faith has become a valuable and inextricable part of our lives.

However, many people do not make best use of this opportunity to express thanksgiving to the Creator for this new hope. I have thought many years about our people's spiritual needs — and our gathering as a tribal family for those purposes.

Last August, our Bode'wadmi people from all the other groups, or bands, came together for the annual gathering; the fire was carried here and kept properly during that gathering. The people offered their many prayers throughout the time of the



Potawatomis Of All Ages Gathered For The Spring Feast April 18-21

gathering and the power of those prayers was good.

I thank our Potawatomi brothers and sisters, from all over this country, who have and will support us in our journey by praying for us. We extend our gratefulness for all

the help many of you have given so willingly in order that we might find our way back. We share the same blood and many of us are willing to begin to accept our responsibilities.

On April 18, many of our local Potawatomi families and

other Nishnabe' friends gathered at a location near the Citizen Potawatomi Tribal Grounds for the first Spring seasonal feast that our people have observed in many years. Some good friends from the north joined in.

The fire was started in the proper way and was watched throughout the four days of the ceremonies and through the end of the final feast.

I would like to thank the Business Committee of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi for willingly assisting us in this first Spring Feast. One thing that prompted me toward the calling of this Spring Feast was the annual gathering. The gathering of all our people or, at least, a representation of them, moved me, as I moved many of our people and their families to work toward this seasonal feast.

Now there is a decision that must be made and I think it is more than a decision — it is a challenge to our people. Do we continue to grow? Do we put one foot in front of the other or do we quit?

Knowing our people, I believe the answers to those questions are, "Yes, we will continue to grow and learn with the help of God and our brothers and sisters" and "No, we will not simply take a few positive steps and quit but we will help each other to move forward."

Norman Kiker
Tribal Chaplain

Tribal Store #1 Celebrates Return To Gas Business



A major celebration, featuring a KGFF-AM Radio remote broadcast and a ton of prize give-aways, marked the mid-March return of the tribal store's gasoline sales. The pumps had been off for four months, allowing time for improvements that put the store ahead of the curve on environmental requirements.

Those improvements include installation of above-ground gasoline storage tanks.

The Grand Re-Opening generated enhanced business and a lot of excitement for the store.

In photos from the event, at top left, KGFF Air Personalities Cindy Hines and Mike Askins tout the bargains and prizes available at the Potawatomi Tribal Store. At bottom left, Hines and Askins present a stuffed animal a listener/customer won for her child by answering a trivia question.



Elders Protection Program kicked off by tribe May 1

Recognizing the rapid expansion in both the local and nationwide population of experienced citizens, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is offering a new service to elders – both its own members and Native American residents of Pottawatomie County who are at least 65 years old.

John A. "Rocky" Barrett, Jr., Tribal Chairman, announced the debut of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation "Elders Protection Center."

"We are very pleased to be co-operating with the Shawnee and Tecumseh Police Departments and the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office on this project," Chairman Barrett said.

The Potawatomi Nation announcement coincided with the beginning of Older Americans Month on May 1. The observance honors the accomplishments and recognizes the needs and problems of the United States' more than 33 million senior citizens.

"That number represents a doubling in the senior citizen population since 1963," said Vickie Waugh, Elders Protection Center Co-ordinator. "We expect the older American population to more than double again within the next 32 years, approaching 70 million by 2030."

The Native American elders population within a 90-mile radius of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters in Shawnee is 196,220, according to the 1990 census. Growth since then would make that figure more than 220,000 in 1998.

The Elders Protection Center will be built around an information and referral hotline. "The information line will be staffed by Native American senior citizen volunteers," Waugh explained. "They will field calls from Native American elders who are seeking information on such issues as health, financial, security, and legal concerns."



Pictured During A Planning Meeting For The Elders Protection Center Are, From Left, Pottawatomie County Sheriff Weldon Cantrell, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Chief Dave Kubiak, Shawnee Police Chief Hank Land And Coordinator Vickie Waugh.

"The telephone number for the hotline has not yet been activated," Waugh said. "At this point, we are recruiting volunteers."

Dave Kubiak, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Chief, will serve as the lead law enforcement official on the project. Chief Kubiak said, "In addition to accepting Elders Protection Center hotline telephone calls, the volunteers will assist the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee and Tecumseh Police Departments and the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office in providing Native American elders services."

"Our department will work with the Elders Protection Center to train volunteers on the nature of frauds and scams, and how to recognize the people who perpetrate them," said Hank Land, Shawnee Chief of Police. "The volunteers will share that knowledge with other elders through the Center."

"A recent congressional report said that only one of every eight cases of

elder abuse comes to light," Pottawatomie County Sheriff Weldon Cantrell said. "We believe that the Elders Protection Center will help us learn about those cases, so we can help these elders."

Gary Crosby, Chief of Police in Tecumseh, offered his department's assistance. "The Tecumseh Police department recognizes the problems that senior citizens encounter with fraud and scams," Chief Crosby said.

"The elders are thought of as easy prey and, many times, are taken advantage of. The Elders Protection Center will be an excellent tool for our senior citizens to call to ask for advice and help. The Tecumseh Police Department will help and support this center."

Waugh said that, working with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department and these local law enforcement agencies, the Elders Protection Center will provide seminars and other learning opportunities for local senior

citizens.

"We are not seeking in anyway to replace the work that is being done by such existing senior citizens organizations as the AARP, Retired Teachers Association, local senior citizens center, or Shawnee Mayor's Council on Aging," Waugh said.

Rather, according to Waugh, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation will co-operate with any existing program and seeks to serve in areas where needs are not yet being met. "We will contact the local senior citizens programs to learn how we can best co-operate with each of them," Waugh said.

"Techniques and methods that work with other elders are not necessarily effective in dealing with the opportunities and problems the Native American elderly face," Waugh explained. "The Citizen Potawatomi Elders Protection Center is designed to provide special attention to our Native American elders."

The Elders Protection Center has received endorsements from Shawnee's American Association of Retired Persons chapter and Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Cecil E. Johnston, president of AARP Chapter #1527, said, "Although progress has been made in the past in addressing elders' problems, there is still much to be accomplished. These citizens have a distinctive need and there does not appear to be a program that addresses this need."

Waugh invited suggestions on topics for workshops and seminars. She said that any Native American senior citizen who wants to volunteer to assist others through the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Elders Protection Center can call her at 275-3121 or 800-880-9880.

June 15 deadline for pre-med summer program for youth

From the Citizen Potawatomi Nation FireLodge Program, there is word that the final day to submit applications for the **Voyager Pre-Med Summer Program** is June 15, 1998.

Program representative Dennette Brand said, "If you have not submitted an application for your child, please do so as soon as possible. We're very pleased to say that interest in the Voyager Program has been heavy."

Brand said that program supervisors will call parents of applicants, no later than June 29, 1998, to notify them whether their children have been accepted.

Anyone who has questions about the Voyager Program, can get answers by calling Debbie Chesser at 405-275-3176. (For a description of the Voyager Program, refer to the March 1998 edition of the *HowNiKan* or check out that edition of the *HowNiKan* on-line at www.potawatomi.org.)

Nation to host Scout interest meeting May 26

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has joined with the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America to invite interested potential Scouts and adult volunteers to an interest meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, at the Long Room in the former Tribal Administration Building. The address is 1901 South Gordon Cooper Drive in Shawnee.

Bob Trousdale, Deputy Administrator, said, "If interest is sufficient, we would like to join with the Last Frontier Council to establish a Cub Scout Pack, a Boy Scout Troop, and/or an Explorer Post."

Chris Daughtrey, a Last Frontier Council District Executive, told the *HowNiKan*, "We need to have about five adults and five young people for any one program – Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Explorers."

According to Daughtrey, "There are scouting programs for young people from five or six years old through 20 years old."

Cub Scouts serves boys who are in first through fifth grade. Boy Scouting is for males from sixth-grade age through 17 years old. Explorers is coed and accepts young people who are 14 through 20 years old.

Daughtrey explained, "Cub Scouting activities are designed to help boys have fun. In Boy Scouts, our goals is to develop initiative in our members."

The Explorers, with adult guidance and advice, run Explorer programs. They are designed to allow members to learn more about specific career possibilities.

Daughtrey also announced a Cub Scout Day Camp, to be held at St. Gregory's University, from June 1 through June 6 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each

day.

"Day camp participants will shoot B-B guns and bows-and-arrows, swim, make crafts, fish, and play games," Daughtrey said.

Cost for the day camp is \$30. According to Daughtrey, the Last Frontier Council has resources for some scholarships that pay up to half that cost.

Trousdale joined Daughtrey in extending a cordial invitation to the interest meeting to all interested adults and youngsters. "This is an excellent opportunity for the Nation to join with an outside group to make an opportunity for wholesome development activities available to young tribal members and others," Trousdale said.

Anyone who is interested can call Chris Daughtrey at 273-0910 for more information.

Newest enterprise makes internet service available

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available, the *HowNiKan* submitted a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) to CPN-Net Webmaster Stephen Nolen....

HowNiKan: Why is the Citizen Potawatomi Nation offering CPN-Net?

Stephen Nolen: The CPN Networking Department, along with CPN Tribal leaders, sees a need for local Internet access for Tribal Members, local K-12 educators, and local citizens. In addition, CPN has available existing and/or economically expandable capability to provide dialup Internet access. In fact, it has been in use by several employees for some time. These resources are at a very low use during off-peak times (6:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.) and can be used for such a venture. It is estimated that most dialup users will use the resources during this off-peak time. However, the service will be available 24 hours a day.

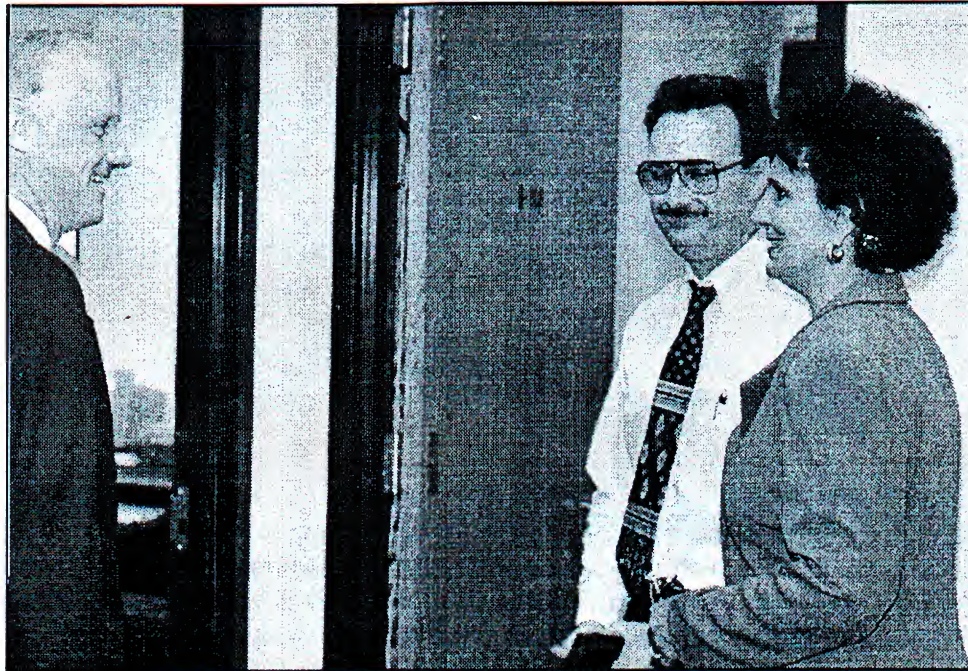
HKN: What uses can a CPN-Net account-holder make of the 5 MB of web server space that accompanies opening an account? How large and sophisticated a website can an account-holder expect to be able to put up in 5 MB of space?

SN: A CPN-Net user can use his web space for any acceptable web site he would like to create. There are literally millions of different things that can be done with a site. The Uniform Resource Locator, or URL, of the CPN-Net customer web sites will be <http://www.CPN-Net.com/~<username>> such as <http://www.CPN-Net.com/~nolen>. The personal web site will be limited only by the acceptable use contract found at <http://www.cpn-net.com/Policies/default.htm> and the 5MB of space.

Five megabytes of drive space is quite substantial, especially for the low/no cost service offered by CPN-Net. Most Internet Service Providers provide 2MB of space, at the most, with normal accounts, with additional space costing additional dollars. The only other limitation is that personal accounts — Tribal, Educator, or otherwise — are for personal use only; commercial use is not allowed. Commercial options may well be made available in the future, but commercial use is not allowed on personal accounts.

HKN: Is technical assistance for using that web server space available? If so, how and where can that assistance be obtained?

SN: Technical assistance for publishing to the user's web site will be provided online through <http://www.CPN-Net.com/Support>. Currently, the support page provides other helpful features on using the Internet and will continue to grow with assistance specific to CPN-Net and its customers. Assistance for developing these web sites cannot be provided directly, due to the low cost nature of the service. However, the best place to learn about the Internet and web publishing is the Internet itself. Once online, the resources for learning about not only the Internet but nearly any other interest are available.



Gov. Frank Keating, Left, Talks With Tribal Webmaster Stephen Nolen, Center, And Vice Chairman Linda Capps About The Nation's Newest Service And A Cooperative Project With The City Of Tecumseh

HKN: Is special software, such as that provided free by AOL, MSN, and other ISP's, needed to set up a CPN-Net account?

SN: CPN-Net DOES NOT require any proprietary or special software to access its services. The Internet standard TCP/IP protocol is used to connect to our modems and the Internet. This protocol is available on Windows 95/NT and Mac systems as standard items although some setup may be required to implement them.

To assist first-time users, CPN-Net provides step-by-step paperwork for setting up a Windows 95 system, including the TCP/IP protocol and dialup adapter settings along with the user's account information, after sign-up. Mac setup procedures should follow soon. Other systems are not covered but can still be connected to our system, if the user has the knowledge.

HKN: How much free hard drive space does an account-holder need to set up a CPN-Net account on his computer? What are the other hardware requirements?

SN: The basic requirements to utilize CPN-Net services are: a Windows 95/NT, Mac, or other computer; a 14.4K or faster modem; and, a telephone line. Currently CPN-Net supports up to 33.6K modem connections and users should really be using at least a 28.8K speed modem for optimum Internet use.

Hard drive space requirements are totally dependent upon the operating system (Windows or Mac) and which widely available Internet access program, or 'browser', is used. For example, Microsoft Internet Explorer version 3.0x is included on nearly all Windows 95 or NT systems; it needs only to be set up as per the instructions included with the account paperwork. The new generation —'4.0'— browsers occupy considerably more hard drive space.

HKN: Is CPN-Net service available free to all Citizen Potawatomi tribal members who are school teachers and live within the Oklahoma City toll-free

calling area?

SN: Yes, CPN-Net service is available to CPN Tribal Members who are active K-12 teachers in the Oklahoma City calling area. This includes all of the OkC area and expands out to a very large geographical region around OkC. All other Tribal Members can have access for the special \$10/month rate billed Quarterly. Additionally, local Shawnee, Tecumseh, and Bethel Oklahoma active K-12 teachers will have free access to CPN-Net providing needed personal online resources for these critical people who provide for our children's future.

HKN: What does CPN-Net's having a "dedicated T1 Connection to the Internet" mean to account-holders?

SN: Primarily it means a faster connection to the Internet with fewer delays caused by local equipment. For example, if you are calling from Shawnee to a provider whose equipment resides in Oklahoma City, the connection must pass through the Shawnee telephone company's Central Office (CO), travel across the phone lines to an Oklahoma City-based CO, and then on to the provider's site or connection location.

At CPN-Net, that same call goes to the CO, to our modem, and then directly to the 1.44 Megabit T1 digital connection to the Internet. It also means better connection rates for local users since the modems do not have such long distances to transmit their information.

Typically, a Shawnee user will be very lucky to obtain a 28.8K or better connection while dialing into Oklahoma City while they usually receive a 28.8K or better connection while dialing in to such a close-by provider. Connection rates, however, cannot be guaranteed due to the many variables involved and lack of control over the telephone companies' equipment. However, the odds of getting a better connection are much higher for local users.

HKN: How likely is it that this venture will produce a positive net monetary return to the Nation?

SN: Monetary return has not been the primary issue in providing online resources to the CPN service area and Tribal Members. As such, no in-depth studies or fiscal analyses have been performed nor are they anticipated. The goal is "Low Cost - No Frills - All Connection". This keeps the end user's cost low and avoids large staffing to support user-end software.

Our goal is to provide the connection and online help. The most expensive part of providing such a service is usually the manpower for answering novice computer users' questions and repeatedly providing setup information. By keeping this cost at a minimum, CPN-Net can continue to provide an extremely low cost connection without having to staff up with support personnel.

HKN: How will an account-holder use his e-mail capabilities? How easy will it be to attach files to his e-mail messages?

SN: The CPN-Net e-mail account provides the ability to e-mail messages, documents, pictures, or other digital data to anyone in the world. The ease of use issue is completely based on the e-mail program the user decides to utilize. Some make file attachments easy, others might not.

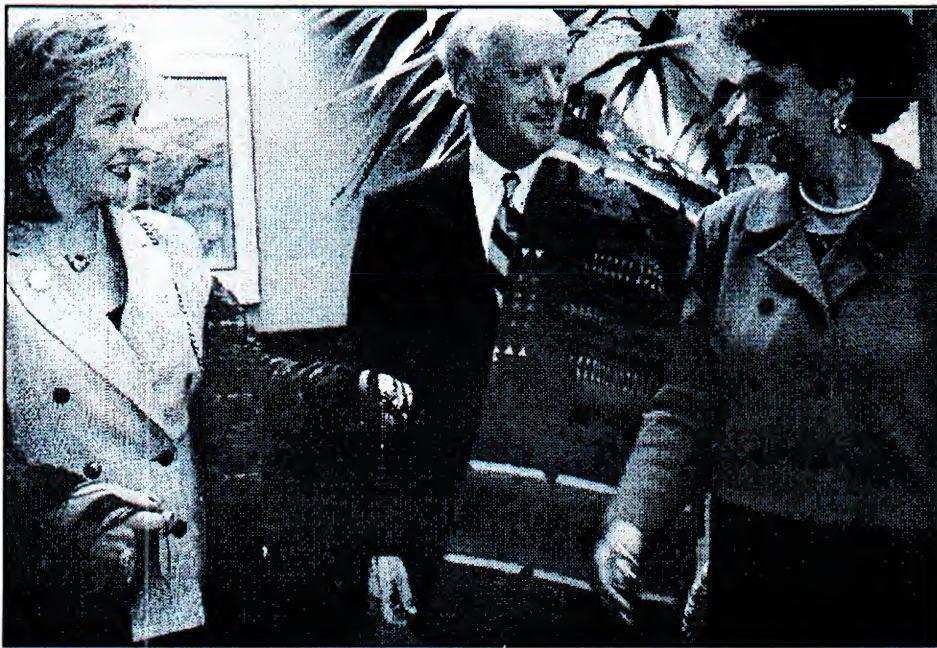
The CPN-Net e-mail system is "POP3"-based. That means that any mail program that can read/send POP3/SMTP mail can be used. This includes the Internet Mail program provided free from Microsoft, the built-in e-mail capabilities in Netscape and many, many other POP3/SMTP mail programs. We provide information on how to setup the Microsoft Internet Mail program, along with the sign-up information. If the user wishes to use another e-mail program, he has that option.

Additional Comments: Signing up for CPN-Net Internet service is quite easy. Simply call 405-275-3121 and request a sign-up packet or mail your request to CPN-Net, c/o Citizen Potawatomi Nation, 1601 S Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee OK 74801-8699, or fax the request to 405-878-4668, or e-mail your request to Order@CPN-Net.com.

Please, include your name and postal mailing address. You will receive the documents you need to sign up. If you are already online and wish to change providers, visit our site at <http://www.CPN-Net.com> and go to the sign-up page. From there, you can complete and print the sign up form and mail it in with your payment for an even faster way of getting online.

Read and complete the forms and postal mail them back to CPN-Net at the above address along with your payment or credit card information. After your information has been validated (tribal membership, active educator, etc.), you will receive a packet containing your dialup and setup information. Follow the directions and get online.

In summary: It's 1) Request packet, 2) Read and Complete packet, 3) Return w/ payment to CPN-Net, 4) Receive account information, 5) Setup your computer and dial up the net.



Left: Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin, Gov. Frank Keating Thank Vice Chairman Linda Capps For The Shawl And Blanket . Below, Gov. Keating Greets Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell



Above: Vice Chairman Capps Visits With Secretary of Commerce Ronnie Rosenfeld, Center, And Secretary of Finance and Revenue Tom Daxon. At Left: CPN Public Information Director Michael Dodson Interviews The Governor



Gov. Keating, Lt. Gov. Fallin Discuss Issues With Vice Chairman Capps, Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno

Governor praises CPN cooperative effort, teacher access

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Coppedge, Education Secretary, were especially interested in Capps' explanation that the IPS is available at no charge to all teachers in the Shawnee, Tecumseh, and Bethel School Districts.

"We want teachers to be able to use our CPN-Net at home, as well as in the classroom, to maximize its value to them in improving their quality of instruction," Capps said.

Stephen Nolen, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Webmaster, told Gov. Keating, "We felt like this would be an excellent opportunity to offer educators in our area access to the net. Some of the schools are not set up yet and, even in instances in which they are, teachers might not have access to it in their homes."

Gov. Keating explained that he is seeking legislative approval for funding to finish work on OneNet, the state government fiber optic/computer connection among cities and towns from

all parts of Oklahoma.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Internet connection is made via a T-1 telephone circuit, leased from OneNet at a reduced charge.

"We're providing a real challenge to the legislature," the governor said. "I have fully agreed to use Rainy Day Fund money to finish OneNet. That's an example of a one-time expenditure that will lower costs."

Gov. Keating touted OneNet's capabilities to provide internet access to schools, libraries, and government offices across the state. He also praised the ability to use OneNet for video conferencing.

"To be able to just sit down, turn it on, and begin your meeting (without traveling to distant locations), is really a wonderful savings of travel costs and time," Keating said.

In an interview, Gov. Keating said, "It's important to understand that the Indian tribes of Oklahoma are assets of the state. It's in our collective best

interest to ensure that our Indian citizens are the best educated, most productive citizens that we have."

Keating called the Potawatomi Nation's offering the Internet access service "not only a very smart thing for the tribe, but also a very smart thing for the state." He said that efforts such as this are important in helping Oklahoma youngsters obtain a quality education and become "well-paid, productive citizens."

Discussing the cooperative effort between the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Tecumseh's city government, Gov. Keating said, "The reality is, it's smart government. Why spend all your time in lawsuits? Why spend all your time bickering and arguing? The best thing to do is address an issue, resolve it in the mutual interests of both parties."

Keating continued, "The tribe has assets. The tribe has wonderful people. So, why not partner with the city to make sure that both do what is best for their mutual best interest?"

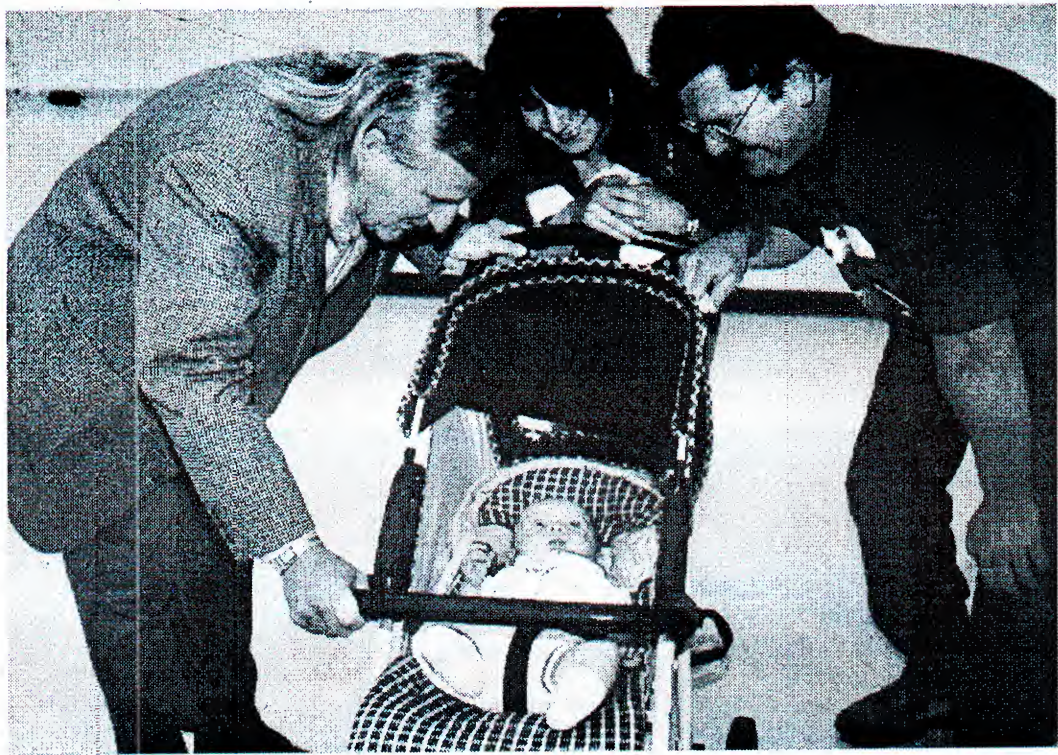
During the Citizen Potawatomi Nation visit, Gov. Keating also learned about a program that provides adult mentor-role models for first-time youthful offenders. He praised the program and mentioned that First Lady Cathy Keating and he are regular participants in an Oklahoma City literacy program.

In a brief ceremony, upon the visitors' arrival, Vice Chairman Capps presented a colorful Pendleton blanket to Gov. Keating and a beautiful shawl to Lt. Gov. Fallin. "It's a great honor to receive a Pendleton blanket from an Indian nation," Capps explained.

Fallin, who is a Tecumseh native, promised to wear her shawl as she participates in the Red Earth Festival parade in Oklahoma City in June.

CPN-Net is available on an all-you-can-use basis to Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members for \$10 a month and to the public for \$15 a month. (See accompanying story for in-depth information about CPN-Net.)

Northern California Reg



The Youngest Tribal Member Present, Daniel Melot, Age Two Months, Got Plenty Of Attention From Committeeman Hilton Melot And Parents Carrie and Gary Melot



Committeeman Hilton Melot, Right, Presents A Potawatomi Jacket To Roy Melot, The Wisest Tribal Member Present At Age 83.



Kids Found Lots Of Ways To Have Fun. The Two At Left Found A Way To Burn Off Some Energy While, Below Left And Right, Others Found Quieter Ways To Enjoy The Day



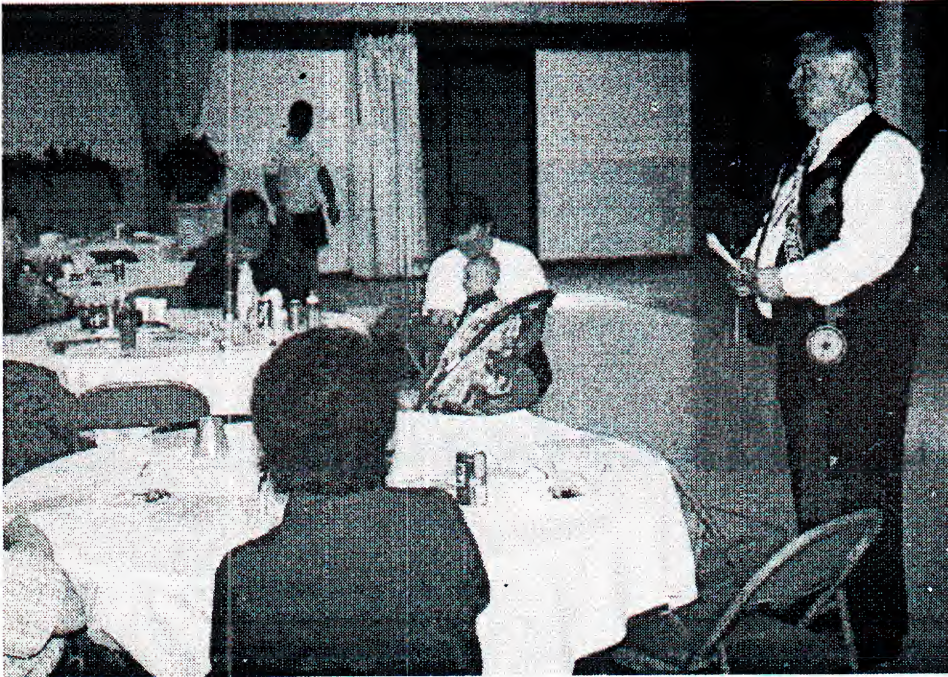
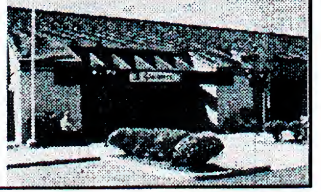
Left: Art Contest Winner Barbara Potter With "Honoring Mshike," A Series Of Four Turtlesell Bags



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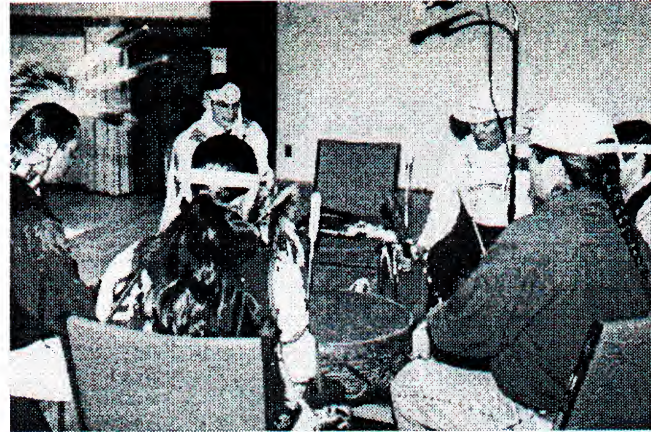
Chairman Barrett Tells Tribal Members About Upcoming Events



Regional Coordinator Jennifer Porter Visits With Suzanne Simon, UC-Berkley Grad And San Pablo, CA, Resident



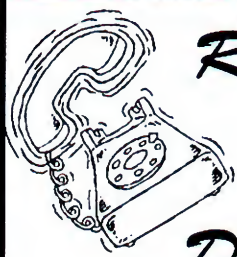
Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno Discusses Issues With A Tribal Member



Above Left: The No Name Drum Provided Music For Dancing. Above Right: Victor Chalepah Demonstrates Southern Traditional Dancing. Below: Chairman Barrett Leads A Dance.



Photos by Michael Dodson



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REGIONAL REPORTS

North Texas

Easter was a beautiful day here in North Texas and I'm sure it must have been in New Mexico. I need a correspondent in New Mexico to let me know how things are going out there. By the time you're reading this, our Regional Meeting will have already happened. I hope you were able to attend.

Each year when the invitations are mailed for the meeting, quite a few are returned which indicates that we do not have your current address.

Of course, if we don't have a current address for you, you are probably not getting your HowNiKan. But maybe

someone in your family is getting one and you are reading this, so be sure and let us know when there is a change. The folks in Shawnee do a good job of keeping things up to date, but they also need our help.

In case you have not read about the impending birth of our latest grandchild, you can read about it now. We now have a new member of our family, John Ware Lewis, 7lbs., 19 1/2 inches long, born on Easter Sunday, April 12. How's that for a new beginning? He joins his big brothers, Tim and Ben, and the seven other grandchildren. We are

blessed!

The next project on our calendar is Pow-Wow beginning with Potawatomi Night on June 26. Election will be held on June 27. And Pow-Wow competition will be June 27 and 28. Mark your calendar with these dates and join us. It is an experience you will not regret. Also, if you are unable to attend, send for your absentee ballot and vote. You have not always had this privilege. Call if you have any questions. It's always good to hear from you.

— Marj Hobdy

Idaho/Oregon/Washington

Bozho Nikan,

Ni je na? Waw ni che (I hope). We are Waw ni che (I'm good) here in Oregon. So glad spring is here and summer is just around the corner. The flowers are in bloom and Maxine's hay fever is blooming as well. I'm getting anxious to get to the fishing hole.

By the time you read this we will have had our Regional meeting or just getting ready to leave for it. I hope all of you will bring something to enter in our art contest. Next year we will be going to Washington state for our Regional meeting. I realize it is a little far for some Oregon members, but this year the Washington members have to travel far.

We are not doing too well with the Potawatomi directory, so try to remember to send me your business card or

what information you wish to have in the directory and we will see if we can get it all together this summer.

On March 7th the Baptiste family had a naming ceremony for my three oldest children. It was a wonderful day with lots of sunshine and since we had it at a Boy Scout camp, way up in the mountains, it made it even a little more traditional and wonderful. The naming was at noon on Saturday with a wonderful meal served, lots of Elk stew, cornbread, hominy, and blackberry cobbler for dessert. Regena had a give-away in the afternoon and then everyone got into the games.

While the women played games and learned the art of pine needle baskets, the men had contests with arrows, lances, and the sneak up game. But I

must admit that the tomahawk throw took the most interest. At dark, by candlelight, Dave West's boys were still throwing the tomahawk. Evening brought rain, but no one seemed to mind with a wonderful potluck meal, drumming, visiting, and everyone getting ready to sleep over in the 20 bunks in the cabin. Did anyone get any sleep? I DON'T THINK SO!

Hope to see all of you at the meeting May 9th in Lincoln City. Remember this is Mother's Day, so make it special for Mom by taking her to a weekend at the coast, and the wonderful meal that is given by the Potawatomi Committee will be a real treat. See you there.

Megwech,

— Rocky Baptiste

Northern California

Bosho, Niconi,

The flower show in the spring will be a doozy if all this rain has anything to do with it. Hope you are all safe and dry and not slip-slidin' away.

Last weekend, I attended a fund-raising pow-wow for the American Indian Public Charter School. It was a small, caring, intimate pow-wow and I met some really nice folks. Because it was held in the school cafeteria, the drums especially resonated in the room.

It was a happy time had by all, and I hope the school made enough money to help them with some of the things they desperately need. If you have some extra time and live near Oakland, consider donating items, money, or your time to a school which is helping at-risk Indian students learn academics and more about their culture. Contact Luke Enemy Hunter at 510-482-6000.

Congratulations to Carrie and Gary Melot on the birth of their son, Daniel. Daniel was born in February and attended his first Potawatomi meeting in April. Blessings to you all.

By the time you read this, the regional meeting will be over, so I don't have a lot to report this time. Here are some more pow wow dates:

JUNE

6 — AIM PW, Union City, (510) 609-8517

JULY

3-5 — 21st Annual Three Rivers PW, 13505 S. Union Rd., Manteca (209) 858-2421

10-12 — 1st Annual Memorial PW, Susanville (530) 251-1844.

10-12 — 2nd Annual Central Sierra Honoring Youth PW, Bear Valley near Arnold (209) 795-3503 or (916) 626-4128.

Well, that's it. Please check with your local health clinics. They usually have flyers about local pow wows and other events. Sending you all good thoughts,

— Jennifer J. Porter

DONATIONS TO THE HowNiKAN

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Wanda L.
Lambert - \$40
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Nellie M. Smith - \$5

REGIONAL REPORTS

South Texas

Ahau, bosho mine' ngom, nikanes, (Okay, hello again today, friend),

We are certainly enjoying some fine weather down here in Southeast Texas.

Dad is walking with a cane now, rarely uses the walker, and is driving the car again. The broken hip is well mended, and we are grateful. We hope all of you are in good health.

The hummingbirds are back, the wood sorrel is blooming, and I have been out cleaning the little gardens. John has found and killed two copperheads, so be aware, if you are outside working.

We really enjoyed seeing all of you who were able to make it to the March 7th Council Meeting. And, to those who were not here, we missed you! It was a good meeting.

Our Chairman, Mr. "Rocky" Barrett, Jr., the entire Business Committee, our Deputy Administrator, Bob Trousdale, and Mr. Michael Dodson, our new P.R. gentleman, were here from Shawnee with us. We also heard from Ms. Elisa Phelps, Curator of Anthropology at the Museum of Natural Science here in Houston, who shared with us news of an extended Native American Exhibit to open in early June, and Ms. Deborah Scott spoke about the Health Coalition in Houston.

Our Chairman, Mr. Barrett, made the announcement regarding the Potawatomi Tribal Center to be built here in Southeast Texas. That was indeed good news! We look forward to a long and fruitful experience with that. Imagine it! Our own meeting facility, elder health care, dance grounds, etc. Since Houston is about the only major city in the Nation without a Native American Center, it shall be a "first"

here.

We have talked again with Jonathan Hook, regarding the newly formed American Indian Resource Center. He has informed us today that he has been negotiating with one of the major oil companies willing to bring in some young (age 16+) Native Americans and train them in their Art Department, and to offer some training in interviewing skills in their Human Resources Department. If you are interested in this opportunity, call me, or E-mail Mr. Hook at the AIRC offices at jonhook@wt.net, for more information.

The Alabama-Coushatta 30th Annual Pow-Wow is to be held June 5 and 6, 1998, on the A/C Reservation at Livingston, Texas. Be sure to attend that; it is always a fine pow-wow.

The Texas Kiowa Tia-Piah Society shall have their Annual Powwow on May 1-2, 1998, in Crowley, Texas. Our friend and Wordcraft Circle member Annette Arkeketa shall be the Head Lady Dancer there, so I encourage you all to go and support her on this occasion.

It has been a good spring, eh? We look forward to a good summer. Sure hope, and expect, to see you all at the 25th Annual Pau Wau on June 26, 27 and 28, 1998. Potawatomi Day proved to be such a success last year, that the entire Pau Wau will be more Potawatomi oriented this year. Do come, and let's dance together!

Take good care of each other. Pray for me too, when you put your tobacco down.

Bama mine' ngotdek,

— Lu Ellis

Midwest

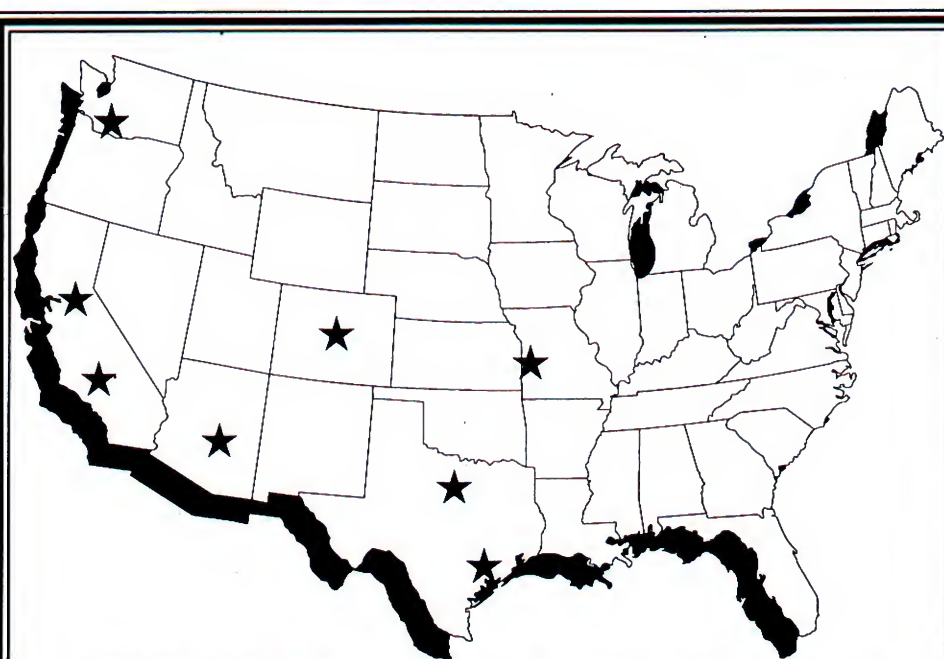
Greetings from Kansas City,

I hope everyone is doing well. I know you haven't heard much from this region lately. It has really been quite a trying time for me in the last five months. In October I had gallbladder surgery, got married in January, foot surgery in February and moved again in March. Whew! I think I've gotten through it all in one piece. I'm ready to get settled down and get on with business.

Our midwest regional council meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel located at 8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, Kansas. The hotel is located just off I-35 and 87th street in Overland Park. The date is Saturday, May 30. Announcements will be in the mail around mid-May for those of you on my mailing list in the midwest region. Some of our tribal leaders will be there as well as Esther's ever popular tribal store. Remember to bring your old photos and stories to share. I hope to be seeing you there! Take care.

Megwech,

— Maryann Bell



1997-98 Regional Council Schedule

Denver	Nov. 1, 1997
Phoenix	Jan. 17, 1998
Southern California	Feb. 21, 1998
Houston	March 7, 1998
Northern California	April 18, 1998
Dallas	April 25, 1998
Seattle/Portland	May 9, 1998
Kansas City	May 30, 1998

Colorado

Greetings from Colorado:

Spring has arrived in the Rockies, flowers are blooming, school will be out soon. This time of year everyone is antsy, ready to burst free of their winter hibernation dens. I am always reminded of a verse that my mother used to share with me at this time of year:

*Spring has come,
the grass has riz;*

I wonder where the bluebird is.

On March 17, John and I joined the Indian community in the Denver Metro area who attended the 3rd annual Spring Buffalo Feast and Honoring Ceremony at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Traditional buffalo stew with all the fixin's was served for dinner. The awards ceremony followed with awards given to various individuals and organizations for contributions

to the Indian community in the Rocky Mountain area. Flute music, the Lord's Prayer in sign language, storytelling, social dance styles and singing were also enjoyed.

Denver March Pow-Wow was March 19-22. This starts the season for serious pow-wow people. This is always a great event, the color and styles of new dance outfits are always a sight to behold. I am always thrilled to attend, because I get to see family and friends I haven't seen since the end of the summer.

It's pretty quiet here, kind of like the calm before the storm of summer activities. And today looks like a good day to hunt for a bluebird.

Happy Spring!
Until next time,

— Penny Bishop



Potawatomi Art Contest

All tribal members are eligible for the 1997-98 tribal art competition, which will be held at each regional council meeting this year with the winners entered in the overall contest at the 1998 Pow-Wow. Check with your regional coordinator for more information.

Language conference offers valuable insights

By ROBERT A. FAIRBANKS

Special Correspondent

(Sault Ste. Marie, MI) – More than 500 Anishinabe language teachers, language students, and tribal leaders from Canada and the United States attended the Fourth Annual Ojibwe Language Conference. It was conducted at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie and was sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa and by Anishinaabemowin Teg.

The four-day event began Thursday, April 2, with a traditional pipe ceremony.

Anishinaabemowin Teg, a society of Anishinabe teachers and students of the Ojibwe language, was founded four years ago to coordinate activities designed to preserve and revitalize the Ojibwe language. The society has conducted the language conference during the first weekend of April each year since its founding.

In addition to several plenary sessions, 22 seminars were available to conference participants. Doris Boissoneau, society vice president and conference organizer, said, "The conference has grown considerably each year." She added, "This is a time and place for everyone who is interested in saving the Ojibwe language to share ideas and

teaching methods and, importantly, gain comfort that others share the same goal."

"In some communities only those over 50 or 60 years of age speak the language," Boissoneau said. "When the language dies, the culture is no longer practiced and the people cease to be Anishinabe."

The theme for this year's conference was "Speaking Our Language in Unity."

Boissoneau said, "Another purpose of the annual conference is to overcome dialectic differences. Because so much of the language has been lost, some do not realize that Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi are the same language, Anishinaabemowin, with only minor, regional differences."

"In fact," she added, "one seminar this year was devoted to explaining the subtle differences of the eastern dialect."

Laura Buszard Welcher and Carol Berg of the Hannahville Potawatomi Community delivered a seminar entitled, "Creating a Language Community: The Potawatomi Language Institute." They told of the efforts that the Hannahville community has undertaken to revive the language.

Anton Truer, a Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, from Leech Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota, explained in a confer-

ence plenary session how he gained fluency in Anishinaabemowin. Truer explained, "Eight years ago, I could not speak a word of Ojibwe. I took three years of Ojibwe from Earl Nyholm at Bemidji (Minn.) State University and put yellow name tags on everything in the house so I could remember the Ojibwe words."

Truer said that "I often felt embarrassed and awkward when I attempted to use what little I had learned. However, I soon discovered that the elders were more than willing to help me after they saw that I was determined to learn."

Truer related how he often spent several weeks at a time assisting elders so that he could hear the language spoken. Truer expressed special gratitude to Nyholm and Archie Mosay for assisting him. He concluded, "If I can learn the Ojibwe language, anyone can."

LeAnn Littlewolf, a College of Saint Scholastica student, presented one of the most insightful academic papers at the conference. In her paper, "Anishinaabemowin as a Way of Being: Language, Culture, and Identity", Littlewolf said, "The Ojibwe language entails more than linguistic skills and a mode of communication; it is a vessel of Ojibwe cultural knowledge and a source

for cultural identity."

Littlewolf cautioned, "Without the language and traditions that constitute the Ojibwe culture, the Ojibwe people as a cultural entity no longer exist." She implored everyone to do his best to preserve the Ojibwe language.

Other Ojibwe who participated in the conference are: Bug-O-Nay Ge-Shig, teacher, Henry Flouckin, and Fond du Lac Jim Northrup. Flouckin presented a seminar on how Ojibwe language instructors can make effective audiocassettes for young children. Northrup, author of "Walking the Rez Road," entertained the conference participants with readings from his book and some of his poetry.

Editor's Note: Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett, Jr. expressed his congratulations on the Language Conference's success. However, Chairman Barrett disagreed with the statement that "Ojibway is the same as Potawatomi, with only minor differences."

Chairman Barrett pointed out that the CPN language project provided Ojibway tapes to CPN speakers and asked for their opinions. Each of them made similar comments: that the languages (Ojibway and Potawatomi) are similar in structure and grammar, but that the words of the two languages are very different.

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Coyote	Nanimwe	Crane	Jejak
Eagle	Gno	Fly	OjJ
Elk	MshJwJ	Moose	Moz
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PEOPLE:

Indian	NeshnabJ
Baby	PenojJ
Boy	GigabJ
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Girl	Gigyago
Girls	Gigyagoy
Man	Nene
Woman	KwJ

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I am hungry
We are full.
Are you full?

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Nbekde.
Ndepsenimen.
Gdepseni ne?

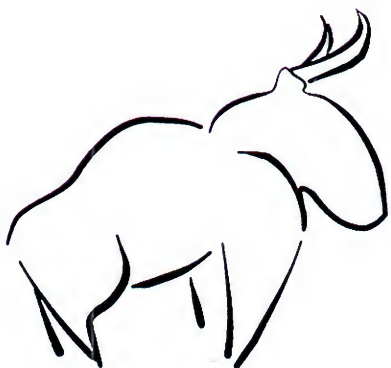
We will eat.
We are hungry.
He/she is full.
Are you people full?

Nge wisnemen.
Nbekdemen.
Depseni.
Gdepsenim ne?

ALPHABET:

A – as in father
B – as in boy
CH – as in chime
D – as in duck
E' – as in bed
E – as in ton or sun
G – as in gun
H – as in hello
' – as in uh' huh' or e' he'
(yes) – a glottal stop,
a break in pronunciation of the
word, in the throat.
I – as in green

J – as in jingle
K – as in kink
M – as in man
O – as in soap
P – as in past
S – as in say
SH – as in shape
T – as in time
W – as in wait
Y – as in yet
Z – as in zero
ZH – as in measure



VOWELS:

A – ah
E' – eh
I – ee
O – oh
E – uh



The Legend of the Buffalo Feather

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Centuries ago there was a Holy Man who lived on the shores of the Great Waters in the Land of the Four Seasons under the Big Sky. This man lived on the shores of the Great Waters in the Land of the Four Seasons under the Big Sky with his people who were called the People of the Place of the Fire. The People of the Place of the Fire had lived in this land for hundreds of years.

They were called the People of the Place of the Fire because they had been given the secret of keeping fire alive. The Holy Man had spent many, many years teaching his people. Keeping Fire was just one of the many Big Wonders that he shared with his people. He had also healed the sick, summoned rain and prayed for peace. Of all the Big Wonders that came from the Great Spirit, the Holy Man considered Truth and Wisdom to be the biggest of them all.

"These are the most precious of all the gifts the Great Spirit has given me," he had once said. "This is what I must give to my people; with Truth and Wisdom come all things."

The Holy Man had many children. His children had many children. His children's children had many, many children. Of all his lineage there was one little boy whom the Holy Man called Shadow Walker. He was called Shadow Walker because where ever the Old Man would go the boy was right at his heels.

"Why do you follow me so?" asked the Holy Man in frustration.

"Because I like you," said the boy.

"I think it is because you like the shade," retorted the Holy Man.

Shadow Walker loved his Great-Grandfather. He was in awe of his great wisdom and Big Wonders. The little boy called his Great-Grandfather "Great One." The Holy Man liked that.

The Holy Man had lived many, many years. Shadow Walker had lived only four. Even though there were many years between them, they enjoyed each other's company. One day the Holy Man said to Shadow Walker, "To the Great Spirit we are brothers; compared to him, I am younger than you."

"Great One," said Shadow Walker, "you say many things I do not understand."

"Me too," said the Old Man.

Shadow Walker and his Great-Grandfather did many things together. Their favorite thing to do was to sit on the hillside in the tall cool grass and watch all the creatures that the Great Spirit had made.

One day while lying down, watching an Eagle soar in the sky, the Holy Man thought out loud: "If I had the wings of an Eagle I could fly to the ends of the land, over the land, over the Great Waters and gather all

the Wisdom of the World."

Shadow Walker asked, "Wouldn't your wings get tired?"

"Ah, yes. You may be right, Shadow. The Eagle wings could never carry me as far as needed," said the Holy Man. Sitting up, the Old Man looked down into the valley eyeing a herd of Buffalo. "Now there is a mighty animal indeed," said the Holy Man. "If I had the strength and endurance of the Buffalo, surely I could walk to the end of the Earth."

"How would you get over the Great Waters?" asked the boy.

"Yes, that is a dilemma," said the Holy Man.

"Shadow Walker," said the Holy Man.

"Yes, Great One," replied the little boy.

"You ask many questions," said the Holy Man.

"I am sorry, Great-Grandfather," Shadow Walker said respectfully.

"You need not apologize," encouraged the Old Man.

When the Holy Man had very few days left in the land, the Great Spirit came to him in a dream and pronounced, "You have been faithful in all things. You have used your gifts well. Your people have been well cared for. It is not long before you join me on this side of the Big Sky. Therefore I will give one last gift to share with your people. As you say, it will be done. Speak now," said the Great Spirit.

To this the Old Man replied, "Great One, You have blessed me with all blessings. I am honored to have been born among the People of the Fire who live on the shores of the Great Waters in the Land of the Four Seasons under the Big Sky. I have tried my best to use your gifts wisely. But there is one thing of which I am not sure. I do not know if I have given my people all the Truth and Wisdom that they will need. Before I join you on the other side of the Big Sky I have one final request. In order that I might travel to the ends of this land and over the Great Waters to gather all the Truth and Wisdom that I can find, give me a mighty Buffalo to ride and let him have wings like those of an Eagle to carry me over the Great Waters. With this Magnificent Beast between my tired old legs, I will bring to my people all the Truth and Wisdom of the world, so that their days in this land will be long and prosperous under the Big Sky."

"Let it be so," replied the Great Spirit.

The next morning Shadow Walker was standing beside the Holy Man's bed waiting for him to awake just as he has every morning since the boy had learned to walk. Leaning over his Great-Grandfather, nearly nose to nose, Shadow Walker whispered, "Are you asleep?"

The Holy Man, opening one eye, replied "Yes! Now go away!"

"But Great One," insisted the boy, "the Great Spirit has sent you a Big Wonder!"

Remembering his dream, the Old Man sat up quickly, knocking heads with Shadow Walker. The Holy Man stumbled out of his shelter rubbing the sleep from his eyes. Shadow Walker is right on his heels.

"Great One," whispered Shadow Walker. "Isn't it marvelous?"

Before them standing as tall as two men was the Magnificent Beast the Holy Man had spoken of in his dream. A rumbling hot breath streamed from the

beast's nostrils blowing the Old Man's long hair back over his shoulders. "This is a Big Wonder indeed," said the Holy Man.

The Holy Man fell to his knees lifting his hands toward the Big Sky and closed his eyes.

"The Great Spirit has honored my request!" he shouted. "He has delivered to me this Magnificent Beast, so that I may take my tired bones to every corner of the land and across the Great Waters to gather up all the Truth and Wisdom in the world and bring it back to my people! The Great Spirit is great, indeed!"

As the Old Man opened his eyes the Magnificent Beast spread its wings and touched them to the ground. The beast's wings were wider than the length of three men laying end to end. The Holy Man slowly climbed the wing of the beast and straddled its broad back. The Holy Man turned and said to Shadow Walker, "Why do you cry, little one?"

"Take me with you, Great One!" sobbed the boy.

"This is a journey I must take on my own," said the Old Man, "but I have a very important job for you to do for me. Run to your mother and father and tell them I go on my final journey. Tell them to give this message to my people. I go to gather Truth and Wisdom from all the world. I will soon bring it back to them so that their days in this land may be long and prosperous under the Big Sky."

"Yes, Great One," answered the boy as he hurried away.

The Holy Man grabbed the Beast's curly mane with both hands.

"Fly, Magnificent Beast!" he shouted. "Fly!"

Many days passed. It was solemn time for the People of the Fire under the Big Sky in the land of the Four Seasons on the Shores of the Great Waters. Of all the people, Shadow Walker was the most sad. He spent his days walking aimlessly, kicking stones and occasionally checking the Big Sky for a glimpse of his Great One. To him it seemed an eternity.

One day as he scuffled in the dust of the dry walking path he saw in the distance a figure up on the hill — the very hill where he and his Great-Grandfather used to watch all the Great Spirit's creatures. He began to run toward the hill. With every stride of his short legs his grin grew wider. "Great One!" he shouted from a distance. "Great One, you have come home!" Running as fast as his little feet would take him, Shadow Walker made his way up the hill falling into the tall cool grass next to his Great-Grandfather.

"Great One," he said breathlessly, "what have you done with the Magnificent Beast?"

"He is off dancing and running in the Big Sky," replied the Old Man. "He is a very playful beast. He reminds me of you."

The two lay in the tall grass, heads nearly touching, watching an Eagle make slow circles overhead. Together they savored their reunion with silence.

After a while the Holy Man released a deep sigh. A tear formed in his eye and then trickled down his weathered cheek.

"Why are you sad?" asked Shadow Walker.

To this the Holy Man replied:

"The Magnificent Beast has taken me to very ends



of the land and across the Great Water. I have flown to the place where the Sun sleeps. I have traveled to the place where the Sun awakes. I have seen a land where Stars dance in the Big Sky. I have seen a land that is covered with snow and ice. I have seen many strange and wonderful creatures that the Great Spirit has made. I have sat with other creatures who are like the People of the Fire but different. They also know the Great Spirit. In all of my journeys I have failed to find any new Truth. I have no new Wisdom to bring to my people. I have failed.

"Don't be sad, Great One," said Shadow Walker. "We do not need anything new."

Up sat the Old Man. Cupping the little boy's chubby cheeks in his hands, the Holy Man pulled him close. As their noses touched, the Old Man said, "You, little one, are the teacher. Today, I am the pupil."

Releasing the little boy, the Holy Man exclaimed, "Run! Go to your Mother and Father. Tell them to gather my people." The Holy Man sat on the Magnificent Beast. His people gathered around.

"Greetings, my children," he exhorted. "It is a good day to be alive. The Great Spirit has blessed me with one final Big Wonder. Soon I will join the Great Spirit on the other side of the Big Sky. Do you see the Magnificent Beast before you? This beautiful creature has taken me to the ends of the land and across the Great Water, so that I could gather all of Truth and Wisdom and bring it back to you. I did

this so that your days in this land will be long and prosperous under the Big Sky. I am before you today to tell you that I have found no new Truth to give you. I have no new Wisdom to impart except for this one thing. All the wisdom we seek is here with us, if we have eyes to see it, if we have ears to hear it. All the Truth we need is here among us if we have feet to pursue it, if we have hands to hold on to it. All the gifts of the Great Spirit are here for us if we have a heart to embrace them.

"So, now I leave it up to you, my beautiful people. May your eyes see far like the Eagle. May your ears be as keen as the Rabbit. May your feet be swift like the Deer. May your hands hold as tight as the jaws of the Snapping Turtle. May the Great Spirit abide in your hearts and minds.

"I must leave this land and journey to the other side of the Big Sky. Do not be sad on my account. Do not concern yourselves with what tomorrow will bring. The Great Spirit is great indeed. He will rise from among you a Holy One to show teach you in all good things."

After he had said these things the Holy Man turned the Magnificent Beast toward the hill where he and Shadow Walker had spent so much time. "Come with me, Shadow Walker," he said. They made their way up the hill. Reaching the top the Holy Man climbed down from the Magnificent Beast. As his feet touched the long cool grass he turned to the Beast and plucked a large feather from its mighty wing. The

Old Man handed the feather to Shadow Walker.

"The Great Spirit has placed a special blessing upon you, my Little One. Take this Buffalo Feather to remind you of all you have seen and heard. Keep it with you always and your days in this land will be long and prosperous. I must go but I will watch you grow into manhood from the other side of the Big Sky. Obey your Mother and Father. Teach my people well."

Shadow Walker sobbed as his Great One climbed the Magnificent Beast's great wing. "Good bye, Great One," cried Shadow Walker. "I will miss you."

"I will not be far away," said the Holy Man. Grabbing the Beast's curly mane with both hands, the Old Man said solemnly, "Fly, Magnificent Beast, fly."

The Beast began to beat its massive wings, lifting the Old Man up into the Big Sky. In just a moment the Holy Man and Beast were out of sight.

Years went by. Shadow Walker became a great teacher of this people. His grandchildren would ask him to tell the story of the Great One and the Magnificent Beast over and over again. He never grew tired telling them the story how he came to possess the Buffalo Feather.

Thirty highway signs proclaim Potawatomi boundaries

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when they enter or leave the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The Nation has purchased 30 signs, which have been placed at each state and U.S. highway and interstate entrance into the tribe's jurisdiction.

The Potawatomi Nation paid \$7200 for the signs.

According to Lisa Kraft, a tribal member and the Nation's Director of Transportation, "The signs are a way to promote our unique heritage, something we are extremely proud of."

The Transportation Department approved fabrication and installation of the signs on December 15, 1997. "We began this process in October 1997 and are very pleased to see it come to fruition," said John A. "Rocky" Barrett, Jr., Citizen Potawatomi Chairman.

The process was reviewed by ODOT's governing board for compliance with the Nation's historic and contemporary boundaries. The current jurisdictional boundaries are those within which the Citizen Potawatomi Nation administers social and health services for its tribal members and members of other Native American tribes.

The signs are ODOT-standard green and white. "If we had chosen billboards instead of highway signs to mark our boundaries," Kraft said, "we believe that travelers would have perceived the Potawatomi as advertising a product."

"Instead, our goal is to promote awareness of American Indian nations and people and their place in Oklahoma history. We intend to begin working with ODOT on Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs



Crated Signs Are Ready For Posting Along Highways

(TODS) as a way to inform visitors about our Museum and Gift Shop, 18-hole golf course, FireLake Restaurant, entertainment center, pow wow and camp grounds, convenience store, and tribal headquarters."

Many Shawnee and Pottawatomie County residents assume that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe shared a common reservation in Oklahoma. "This is simply not the case," Kraft said.

She explained, "On February 27, 1867, the Citizen Potawatomi signed a treaty with the United States, forming their new reservation in Indian Territory."

That reservation originally contained 575,870 acres. "The northern boundary was formed

by the North Canadian River. The Canadian River created the southern boundary. The Citizen Potawatomi reservation was bounded on the east by the Pottawatomie (sic)-Seminole County line. The western boundary lay one-half mile west of the Indian Meridian," Kraft said.

The Citizen Potawatomi had sold the remainder of their Kansas allotment lands to obtain the money to purchase the land in what is now Pottawatomie (sic) County, Oklahoma.

When the Citizen Potawatomi arrived to inhabit the land they had purchased, Absentee Shawnee tribal members were living on portions of the new reservation.

On May 23, 1872, the U.S.

Congress enacted legislation awarding allotments to individual Absentee Shawnee tribal members within the new Potawatomi reservation. That action perpetrated the misconception that the Citizen Potawatomi and the Absentee Shawnee have the same reser-

vation.

"Today," Kraft said, "we each struggle for our own identity in a world that is increasingly buying into pan-Indianism. The Citizen Potawatomi are a Great Lakes Woodlands Nation, who were forcibly removed as a result of the Indian Removal Act of 1830."

After moving from the Great Lakes Region to Kansas, in phases, and on into Oklahoma, the Potawatomi are still trying to reconcile rightful ownership of their former reservation lands and to hold onto the memories which live on for them throughout Pottawatomie (sic) and Cleveland Counties.

"Our Nation felt that the best way to promote our heritage and launch our people proudly into the next century was to initiate a campaign to promote our unique relationship with the state and the people of Oklahoma as part of Oklahoma's living history," Kraft said.

Today, the Nation has approximately 500 acres of land in tribal trust. About 5,000 acres of land that still belongs to individual allottee descendants is in trust.

Bruno, Capps re-elected without opposition

Two members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's five-person elected governing body have been returned to their positions without opposition. Linda Capps of Tecumseh, Vice Chairman, and Gene Bruno of Oklahoma City, Secretary-Treasurer, drew no opponents in the three-day filing period, from March 30 through April 1.

As provided for in Article VII, S-101 of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election code, Vice Chairman Capps and Secretary-Treasurer Bruno are deemed re-elected. That section states, "Any candidate who is unopposed for an office shall: (a) Appear on the ballot with the designation 'unopposed' printed next to his name and (b) on election day, be deemed elected to that office."

Mrs. Capps and Mr. Bruno will serve new four-year terms.

The election code provides that Capps and Bruno are to be installed 'immediately following the election.' To provide for an opportunity to contest even unopposed elections, the term 'immediately' translates, in this instance, to some time very shortly after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 1998.

In Article IX, S9-211, the code provides for a contest period of two business days. "The Election Committee shall certify the election results for all uncontested offices immediately after the two (2) working day period for filing an election contest expires," it says. Article XI, S11-103 gives any candidate who wants to contest an election two business days "after announcement of the certified abstract of election results" to do so.

The election code's Chapter Two, S9-206 calls for Election Committee members to "read the certified abstract (of election results) aloud to the public" at the close of vote counting. Weaving these provisions together provides for Mrs. Capps' and Mr. Bruno's being sworn in after the contest period closes at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, provided there is no contest.

Teresa Vieux, who works in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Employment and Training Program, was unopposed for a full two-year term on the Grievance Committee.

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In order to comply with the 1998 Election Ordinance, please fill out this form and return to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Potawatomi Tribal Roll Number:

SIGNATURE: _____ TRIBAL ROLL #: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE BY JUNE 7, 1998